



Priest Rapids Coordinating Committee Meeting AGENDA

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

1:00 pm

PRCC Representatives

Scott Carlon, Justin Yeager (Alt), NMFS
Keely Murdoch, Brandon Rogers (Alt), YN
Chad Jackson, P. Verhey (Alt) WDFW
Curt Dotson, Peter Graf (Alt), GPUD

Jim Craig, USFWS
Kirk Truscott, Casey Baldwin (alt), CCT
Tom Skiles, CTUIR

PRCC Meeting Attendees

Curt Dotson, GPUD
Scott Carlon, NMFS
Chad Jackson, WDFW
Tom Skiles, CTUIR
Kirk Truscott, CCT
Bryan Nordlund, PRCC Facilitator

Keely Murdoch, YN
Peter Graf, GPUD
Erin Harris, GPUD
Jim Craig, USFWS
Jeremy Cram, WDFW (Presenter)

Decisions Made During Tuesday, October 26, 2021 Meeting

1. NNI Fund proposal – Northern Pike Removal 2022 to 2025 (CCT) – **Approved** for \$100,000 per year
2. NNI proposal – PIT Tag Barge (WDFW) – **Approved** 1/3 of a cost share, no more than \$81,934.00.
3. Non-Native Predator Recruitment Reduction NNI report – **Approved** Geoff McMichael to post report to ResearchGate website.
4. September 28, 2021, PRCC meeting minutes were **approved**.
5. The PRCC meeting dates for November and December **were revised** to November 16 and December 14.

Agenda

- I. **Welcome and Introductions**
- II. **Agenda Review**
- III. **Meeting Minutes Approval**

- A. October 26, 2021, PRCC meeting minutes – These were distributed via B. Nordlund email on November 12, 2021. Please review and provide your comments or approval by December 12, 2021.

IV. Review of Actions Items from October 26, 2021, Meeting

- **In progress** - Follow-up on Corp/BOR Avian Predation Management (Carlton)
- **Complete and On-Going** - Email distribution of PRFF, Habitat and Hatchery SC reports (Nordlund)
- K. Murdoch to update committee at November meeting on status of recording the meetings for accurate minutes.
- E. Harris to accumulate and post all PRCC SOA's on the Grant PUD website by end of 2021, at the latest.

V. 2021 Fish Passage Operations Report (C. Dotson, B. Nordlund and T. Skiles) – B. Nordlund provided fish counts for Priest Rapids Dam through November 8, 2021:

Spring Chinook – 13,105 adults, 1,447 jacks (complete)
Summer Chinook – 49,315 adults, 2,298 jacks (complete)
Sockeye – 76,854 (complete)
Fall Chinook – 50,629 adults, 2,213 jacks (10's/day still passing)
Steelhead – 2,783 adults (10 steelhead since Oct 21)
Coho – 47,571 adults, 1,637 jacks (10's/day still passing)

Any update on reasons for fish count discrepancy?

T. Skiles - performs monthly ladder inspections at the GPUD dams for the fisheries agencies and tribes. He has reported that this year's inspections are now complete.

Dotson - bypass systems and full-open gate test at Priest Rapids.

VI. Continued discussion of using Zoom recording to help with note taking.

VII. SOA's – website update

VIII. Other

UPDATES

IX. Review of Outstanding NNI Funded Projects

A. *Lower Wenatchee Instream Flow Enhancement Project Phase II* –

B. Nordlund called Aaron Penvose (Trout Unlimited) on 11-8-21. A message was left asking for an update to the PRCC at a future meeting. No response.

Per some earlier research he did on this project on correspondence from Trout Unlimited, B. Nordlund learned the project is on hold due to dividing the work into two phases and the permitting requirements for the second phase of project.

B. Avian Predation on ESA-listed Juvenile Salmonids on the Mid-Columbia River, 2021

C. Barkley Irrigation Co Permanent Point of Diversion, Completing Implementation of the Permanent Solution – no update

D. Northern Pike Removal (2022-2024)

XIV. Committee Reports–

No PRFF or PRFC meetings were conducted in September. The next meeting of the Habitat sub-committee is scheduled for November 18. A Fall Chinook Work Group meeting was held October 5. B. Nordlund provided all the committee reports out via email on November 12.

XV. Next Meetings

The next PRCC meetings are scheduled for December 14, 2021, and January 25, 2022.